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This is a decision in response to the Petition to Correct the Filing Date of a Patent Application, filed March 29, 2004, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(d), requesting the application be accorded a filing date of October 17, 2003, instead of the presently accorded filing date of October 16, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on October 17, 2003. Petitioner has filed the appropriate documentary and corroborating evidence demonstrating that October 17, 2003, was the date the correspondence was deposited Express Mail Post Office to Addressee.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to October 17, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

  
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